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(b) the current expenditure and receipts for the year 1928–29 up to the close of the first half year, with a commercial audit showing the rate of profit and loss ?

A.—(a) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 1025 given at the meeting of the Legislative Council on the 1st November 1927. The approximate total expenditure incurred on capital works up to the end of December 1928 was Rs. 50,05,000.

(b) The hon. Member does not specify the fund in respect of which he wants information about the expenditure and receipts for the first half-year of 1928–29.

Excise

Proposals by the Kanara Indian Christian Civic League regarding the retail sale of liquor.

*1405 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that in a large number of shops selling country liquor in retail, it is adulterated with water and essence of camphor or dhatura opium and such other drugs to make up for the weakness of the liquor ;

(b) whether Government have considered the proposals made by the Kanara Indian Christian Civic League in its representation in October 1927 for conveying the liquor from Nellikuppam and for selling it in sealed bottles and with what result; and

(c) whether it is proposed to consider the proposal further in order to prevent the adulteration of liquor in retail shops at least for the benefit of the people who are willing and able to purchase bottled liquor ?

A.—(a) The Government are not aware that the fact is as suggested.

(b) The Government considered the proposals but no definite conclusions were arrived at.

(c) The suggestion will be considered again.

Medical

Proposed opening of a medical college at Vellore.

*1406 Q.—Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a proposal to have a new medical college at Vellore ;

(b) what is the estimated cost thereof ;

(c) whether there is any proposal to have the building constructed by a private body and whether Government are going to make any contribution to such private body ;

(d) if so, how much they are going to contribute for the building and how much for the running expenses every year ;

(e) whether that institution will be recognized by the General Medical Council ;